

NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

INTELLIGENCE HERE GATHERED
COVERS WIDE AREA.

GREATER OR LESSER IMPORT

Includes What is Going On at Wash-
ington and in Other Sections of
the Country.

WASHINGTON.

Protests from Americans against the prosecution of the "ritual murder" case now on trial at Kiev, Russia, will not be forwarded through the state department.

Postmaster General Burleson has authorized Postmaster Springston at Indianapolis to put in a temporary automobile mail service while the street car strike hinders ordinary carriage of the mails.

A resolution calling upon President Wilson to furnish the house with a complete list of all executive department officials absent from duty during the last four weeks to engage in political activities has been introduced by Representative Britten of Illinois.

The "war plans" of the army ordnance department are completed and for the first time in the history of the country Uncle Sam is in readiness at a moment's notice to arm and equip 500,000 men to send into the field in the event of war with a first class power.

President Wilson will be asked to take an active part in the American convention for Study and Prevention of Infant Mortality, November 14 to 17. The arrangements committee has completed plans and has decided to request Mrs. Wilson and one of her daughters to co-operate.

Democratic leaders in the senate have decided that unless the senate banking and currency committee promptly voted back into the administration currency bill some of the fundamentals that it had eliminated, a party conference or caucus would be called.

Persons in close touch with the White House say that William F. McCombs, chairman of the democratic national committee, who was married in London to Miss Dorothy Williams, would accept President Wilson's offer of the ambassadorship of France.

Brazil has appropriated \$500,000 for representation at the Panama-Pacific exposition, and the Venezuelan government has caused a bill to be introduced in its congress for an appropriation of \$350,000 for the same purpose, according to diplomatic dispatches received here.

Gross misappropriation of funds belonging to the minor children of the five civilized tribes in Oklahoma has been disclosed by investigations conducted by Secretary Lane. The secretary announced that he would call the cases to the attention of a federal grand jury and begin criminal prosecutions.

DOMESTIC.

F. Robinson, a park policeman who shot and killed Charles Riney of St. Louis in Swope park at Kansas City, was charged with second degree murder and held under \$5,000 bond for trial, November 22.

The Los Angeles jury which tried Louis Medina, nephew of Emilio Aguinaldo, the Filipino leader, on a charge of murder, disagreed and was discharged. Medina was accused of having killed a negro rival for the affections of a negress.

A stick of dynamite was found in the coal bin of the Pells brewery of Trinidad, Colo. The fuse and cap had been broken off. But for its discovery the explosive might have wrecked the brewery. The brewery workers struck just before the mine strike was called.

A week overdue the Hamburg-American line freighter Aragonia with a cargo valued at \$1,300,000 is the subject of some anxiety. No word has been heard from her since she passed Gibraltar October 17, bound from Yokohama and other Asiatic ports. The Aragonia carried a crew of fifty men.

The revenue cutter service has received word that the cutter Bear, Captain Ballinger, carrying thirty-nine persons made destitute by the recent storm and fire at Nome, had sailed from that Alaskan city for Seattle.

A steward on board the steamship Zapa Zacepa from Central America ports was arrested at New York on a charge of forgery. The police claim he is "Count" Constantine von Rosenberg, soldier of fortune, engineer, inventor, wireless operator, sugar expert, and Berlin university graduate.

A bulletin, issued by State Factory Inspector Nelson at Chicago, declares that parents in many tenement districts force their children to work at home under far worse conditions than are obtained in factories.

Authorities of Denver are chasing fortune tellers out of town.

David I. Walsh, democrat, was elected governor of Massachusetts by 50,000.

Mayor Harrison's ordinance providing for the advertisement for bids on a system of subways estimated to cost \$183,000,000 has been passed by the Chicago council.

Mrs. John Lind, wife of President Wilson's personal representative to Mexico, has reached Minneapolis from New York, where she arrived from Mexico last week.

At the army general staff offices it was said that the only preparations for Mexico troop movements being made were those for exchanges of posts previously announced.

Clarence Fuller of Mattoon, Illinois, 11 years old, was arrested on a charge of attempted murder, in connection with the shooting of a companion, several days ago.

Presence of bubonic plague and yellow fever on the great trade route from the south converging upon the Panama canal is giving grave concern to American health officials.

The city clerk and two members of the council of Philadelphia have been pinched on dictagraph evidence of having accepted bribe money in the matter of purchasing fire apparatus.

After barricading his cell door in the Missouri penitentiary with a bed and setting fire to the mattress, William LeVaughn, under sentence for burglary, stabbed himself with a shoe knife and was dead before guards could reach him.

Figures recently published show that fire insurance in the United States and Canada proved profitable to British companies during 1912. There are seventeen British companies transacting fire insurance in the United States, and the premiums received amounted to \$56,624,390. The losses paid are given at \$29,484,600.

A. Borah, a wealthy merchant of Atoka, Okla., was found guilty of murdering his wife and their daughter. He was sentenced to life imprisonment. The bodies of the victims were found in the ruins of the Borah home after a fire on the night of August 30. Borah escaped from the burning house in his night clothes.

Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, addressing the Western Labor Immigration congress, denounced ex-President Taft for vetoing the immigration bill, passed a year ago, and declared that employers who opposed the bill were bent on "tearing down the civilization of the country to fatten their own purses."

More than sixty counties are buyers of prunes from this country and the figures compiled by the bureau of foreign domestic commerce show that during the fiscal year of 1913 more than 118,000,000 pounds, valued at six and two-thirds million dollars were shipped across the seas. In 1898 the exports amounted only to 16,000,000 pounds.

Prof. W. W. Thomas of Springfield, Mo., told the state convention of Missouri teachers at St. Louis that the present system of education was creating snobs and snobbery. He said that the trend of education was toward the professions and that this tended to inculcate the idea that manual labor is degrading. He urged industrial education and manual training.

Mrs. Catherine L. VanWyck of Milwaukee, president of the State Conference on Charities and Corrections, in concluding her annual report argued strongly for a federal fugitive husband law similar in operation to the Mann white slave law. She would have the national government pursue the runaway husband and send him to the federal penitentiary whenever he takes up residence in another state.

FOREIGN.

Dr. Arthur Yager, former president of Georgetown college of Kentucky, has been sworn in as governor of Porto Rico.

The body of Prince Collier, the American author whose death occurred at Wedesborg castle, on the island of Funen, was brought to Copenhagen.

The Japanese government holds that the case against John Ellis, business manager of the Japan Advertiser, whose extradition to the United States has been refused, was not one of perjury, according to the Japanese law, which defines perjury as false testimony during an examination in judicial procedure. Ellis, it is said, made an alleged false affidavit in regard to his wife's insanity.

After being repulsed by the federal forces at Chihuahua General Francisco Villa and his rebel army returned to Chihuahua. The battle continued late into the night with neither side having any advantage.

One hundred and eighteen boxes of silver pesos, each valued at about \$3,000, forwarded by Hugo Schere & Co., bankers of Mexico City, for shipment on the steamer Mexico, was seized by government officials. It is asserted by the authorities that under the law the money is liable to confiscation.

NEARING THE END

RELATIONS WITH MEXICO IN-
TENSELY STRAINED.

HUERTA DETERMINED TO STAY

United States May Raise Embargo
and Permit Constitutionalists
to Buy Arms.

Washington, D. C.—Contrary to his usual custom of putting aside official business on Sunday, President Wilson worked all day on the Mexican problem. He summoned Senators Borah and McCumber, republican members of the senate foreign relations committee and discussed the situation with them for almost two hours. He also had a conference with Secretary Bryan.

From the way the president's callers talked the situation is rapidly approaching a climax and some definite developments are expected immediately. Officially, no copy of the statement of Provisional President Huerta to the diplomatic corps had been received nor had the formal reply to the American demand that Huerta resign arrived.

The next step, in the view of some of those who have talked recently with the president, probably will be an announcement by the United States not only reiterating its refusal to recognize the Huerta government, but making it clear to the world that it also shall refuse to recognize any acts of the new congress soon to be convened by Huerta.

Will Not Guarantee.

The Washington government, it is understood, will not undertake to guarantee business or commercial relations with the Huerta regime and will probably stand by any legally constituted government which in the future may repudiate the loans or transactions of the present government. Senators McCumber and Borah declined to talk of what the president had told them in their conference, but they expressed their own views later. Senator Borah told the president in his opinion, even should Huerta accede to the American request for his resignation at this time there would be no responsible person or persons to establish a government. The Idaho senator suggested that if the embargo on arms were lifted the constitutionalists probably could take possession of the reins of government in Mexico City in about thirty days, and that the United States should give them an opportunity to establish themselves. Should they fail he believes the United States might consider other steps.

Captain and Mate Tied in Berths.

Lewes, Del.—The bark Mang Reva, which cleared from Philadelphia October 9 for San Francisco, returned to the Delaware breakwater, because the crew had mutinied, according to Captain Townsend, commander of the vessel. Upon the arrival of the bark the captain asked for the assistance of the United States authorities. When the bark arrived Captain Townsend sent a letter to the ship's agent here asking for assistance. The letter did not give the cause of the mutiny, but the captain said he was ill when the break came and that he and the mate were tied in their berths. They were later released to navigate the ship on a promise that they would return to the Delaware capes.

Strikebreakers Leave City.

Oskaloosa, Ia.—All the strike breakers who have been used in an attempt to run the streets cars here have left the city and no effort is being made to operate the cars. The departure of the strike breakers followed the wildest night of disorder since the strike began. A mob of 1,000 men held the police powerless while they seized two street cars and burned them and assaulted a number of strike breakers. Six of these were seriously injured.

Tariff Law Sub-Section Void.

Washington—Attorney General McReynolds has decided that the sub-section of the new tariff law authorizing a discount of 5 per cent on all goods imported in American vessels is nullified by its provision that "nothing in this subsection shall be so construed as to abrogate or in any manner impair or affect the provisions of any treaty concluded between the United States and any foreign nation."

Rob Bank's Cash Box.

Montour Falls, N. Y.—Burglars went through a brick wall in the rear of E. A. Dunham & Company's private bank and robbed the bank's cash box of about \$12,000.

Fined for Dismissing Militiaman.
Chicago, Ill.—Rosenau and Strippleman, cigar dealers, were fined \$25 each in municipal court for dismissing from their employ Charles Brown, a member of the National Guard, who was away from business a week last July during the last encampment.

Felix Diaz Arrested.

Havana.—General Felix Diaz was arrested here and accused of shooting Pedro Guerrero, the young Mexican wounded by a bullet during an altercation in which Diaz was injured.

NEWS FROM STATE HOUSE

Mrs. M. M. Hall, who has been matron at the Grand Island soldiers' and sailors' home for some time past, has sent her formal resignation to the state board of control.

Commander-in-Chief Gardner of the National Grand Army of the Republic association has approved the selection of S. K. Spalding of Omaha as a member of the national council of administration.

The Buffalo County Agricultural association has been incorporated with the secretary of state. The concern has a \$25,000 capitalization and is organized by F. E. Roby, E. D. Gould and others.

Registrar Rutledge is compiling statistics upon attendance at the university at the request of the registrar of Columbia University. The figures will be used in preparing statistics on all American colleges.

The grand assessment roll of Nebraska for the year 1913 has been completed by Secretary Seymour of the state board of equalization, and it shows more than \$7,000,000 increase of the taxable value of all property in the state.

The new department of agricultural engineering at the University of Nebraska has a registration at present larger than any other agricultural engineering department in the world excepting the one at the University of Minnesota.

For two company vacancies in the Fourth regiment, Adjutant General Hall has applications for membership from organizations at Omaha, Lincoln, Blair, Columbus, Minden and Western. He will look over the field before picking the pair.

"Fainting Bertha" Liebke is to be examined by Dr. Tilden, insanity commissioner, with a view to determining whether or not she is mentally unbalanced and it is probable the insanity board will order her return to the Ingleside state hospital.

John W. Shahan, secretary of the state board of charities and correction, after visiting jails and poor farms in southeastern Nebraska, has filed a report with Governor Morehead, in which he states that the jail at Beatrice is a disgrace to Gage county; that the Falls City jail is poor, and that the jail at Nebraska City is in good shape. He found the state school for blind at Nebraska City, under the management of N. C. Abbott, in fine condition.

Withdrawal of Nebraska from participation in Missouri valley conference athletics is promised by Chancellor Avery of the university, unless all schools agree to competition without regard to race or color. This is the substance of a statement issued by the chancellor following as a result of the imbroglio with Kansas over the "gentleman's agreement" relative to disqualification of negroes on the athletic teams of the various conference schools.

For the benefit of sportsmen who are not aware of the fact, it should be known that the bald eagle is protected by federal law at all times, and the penalty for killing one is extremely strong—\$100 fine and ten days' imprisonment. The fact that sportsmen have reported the killing of these birds this fall has induced the above warning from the game commission. Sandhill and whooping cranes, as well as the big blue, and the curlew, are also permanently protected by the federal law.

While farm lands in this state are advancing yearly from 4 per cent to 10 per cent in value, city and railroad lands and lots are increasing only between 1 per cent and 3 per cent on the average. And at the same time a potent advantage is maintained in favor of acre property when it comes to taxation. City lots and railroad property are assessed at from 80 per cent to 100 per cent of their value, while farm lands are assessed at only from 45 per cent to 75 per cent of the price they would actually bring in the market. These are deductions made by members of the state tax commission, who have been busy themselves in ferreting out such things for several weeks past.

Four weeks' operation of the school at the state penitentiary have been found to be extraordinarily beneficial to the convicts and the registration in the courses offered is now on its way to the century mark. Fundamentals are receiving attention just now and there are two class periods provided weekly for the men. One branch of the work includes a debating society, in which much interest has been shown, and through the medium of which sharp discussions have been held.

Governor J. H. Morehead is to be in Omaha, November 18, to speak before the state fire protective association, and also to speak to the manufacturers' association. The local manufacturers' association has been trying for some weeks to secure an engagement from Governor Morehead to tell them his ideas on convict labor on the Lincoln highway and on the roads in the state in general. The governor's attitude on convict labor in this work has attracted some attention in the state, and the governor has consented to give his views.

GREAT APPLE SHOW

NEW FEATURES FOR ORGANIZED
AGRICULTURE.

GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

Items of Interest Gathered from Re-
liable Sources and Presented in
Condensed Form to Our
Readers.

Chairman Mellor of organized agriculture has outlined plans for the mid-winter meeting to be held in Lincoln, January 19-23. An apple show, an excellent display of cured meats and many striking advances in scientific agriculture are being planned as features of the program. The following committee is in charge: Chairman W. R. Mellor, Dean E. A. Burnett, J. R. Duncan, Prof. C. W. Pugsley, W. S. Whitten, Frank G. Odell, Secretary George W. Kline.

The following societies make up the roster of organized agriculture: State board of agriculture—President, Joseph Roberts, Fremont; secretary, W. R. Mellor, Lincoln. State horticultural society—President, C. H. Barnard, Table Rock; secretary, J. R. Duncan, Lincoln. State Live Stock Improvers' association—President, J. A. Olin, Ord; secretary, H. J. Gramlich, Lincoln. Nebraska Horse Breeders' association—President, Frank Howard, Pawnee City; secretary, H. J. Gramlich, Lincoln. State Short-horn Breeders' association—President, C. H. Chappell, Kearney; secretary, Irvy E. Wilson, Belvidere. Nebraska Angus Breeders' association—President, C. S. Reese, Simeon; secretary, D. N. Syford, Lincoln. State Red Polled Breeders' association—President, Luke Wiley, Plattsmouth; secretary, Elliott Davis, Holbrook. Dairy Cattle Breeders' association—President, H. C. Young, Lincoln; secretary, E. W. Frost, Central City. State Dairymen's association—President, R. W. McGinnis, Fremont; secretary, S. C. Bassett, Gibbon. State Swine Breeders' association—President, F. C. Crocker, Platte; secretary, O. S. Timmons, Ashland. Nebraska Sheep Breeders' and Wool Growers' association—President, Robert Taylor, Central City; secretary, Ellis Hall, Curtis. Corn Improvers' association—President, R. Hogue, Crete; secretary, T. A. Kieselbach, Lincoln. Nebraska Pure Grain and Seed Growers' association—President, Frank J. Rist Humboldt; secretary, T. A. Kieselbach, Lincoln. State Florists' society—President, I. F. Frey, Lincoln; secretary, Lewis Henderson, Omaha. State Bee Keepers' association—President, R. C. Klein, Blair; secretary, Frank G. Odell, Lincoln. State Home Economics association—President, Mrs. A. E. Davison, Lincoln; secretary, Mrs. John P. Mann, Bethany. Association of State, County and District Fairs—President, H. P. Wilson, Geneva; secretary, W. H. Smith, Seward. Good Roads association—President, W. B. Banning, Union; secretary, W. H. Campbell, Clark.

Agricultural Development Commission of Nebraska—President, Carson Hildreth, Franklin; secretary, W. S. Whitten, Lincoln. Questions of National Welfare. The activities of the inner circle to the national conservation congress the conservation commission, are planned in Lincoln, although this fact is not generally known by local people. Dr. G. E. Condra is president of the commission and it is in his office that the program is made up and the topics of important discussion to come before the congress decided on. This commission is composed of men who are actively engaged in practical conservation work in various states. It meets November 17, the day before the opening of the congress, which holds session three days, November 18, 19 and 20. The program for this year brings up practical questions of national welfare and nearly all the departments at Washington will be represented.

Bona Fide Residence Qualification. If otherwise qualified, it is not essential that the signer of a petition for a liquor license has resided in a village for the length of time required to make him a legal voter, but it is essential that there be a residence in good faith, according to a state supreme court opinion handed down in the case of H. W. Shakelford against Frank Zimmerman of Springfield. The contention was made in the lower court that not thirty freeholders had signed Zimmerman's application, and that one man, signed the next day after he moved to Springfield. The high bench holds that the chief qualification is bona fide residence and this, they say, the one signer possessed.

Still Refuses to Attend Chapel. Shall convicts be required to attend chapel at the penitentiary every Sunday morning unless excused on account of illness or other good cause? This is the question brought before the state board of control by Charles Wooster of Silver Creek and I. L. Albert of Columbus. Neither of these gentlemen are personally affected by the rule, but they appealed to the board on behalf of George St. Clair, a convict from Lancaster county, who has been punished for violating the rule.

Valuable Relic for Historical Society. One of the five living Civil War veterans in the Omaha tribe of Indians in Nebraska, Henry Blackbird, has given to the state historical society museum an object greatly revered by his people, a symbol which has been used to secure peace for the Omaha tribe with unrelated groups many scores of times. The value of this gift is greatly enhanced by the fact that on but very rare occasions will an Indian part from one of these treasured relics of past days. It seems a simple enough looking affair.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Stanton has an automobile club with more than fifty members.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Nelson of Friend celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary last week.

Anselmo is facing a coal famine. Franklin county will vote on county seat location on November 18.

Mead, in Saunders county, will soon have its own light and water plant, both winning at a recent election.

John Snedden, a Lincoln man, was buried under 400 sacks of cement and seriously injured, but will recover.

Much alarm is felt at Lyons on account of the spread of scarlet fever.

The mid-winter sessions of organized agriculture will be held in Lincoln, January 19-23, 1914.

Mildred Radcliffe, a two-year-old Omaha girl, is dead from eating the heads of parlor matches.

Work has been started on Fairbury's new \$30,000 artificial ice plant and a large force of workmen are employed.

The Seward fire department will go to York Thanksgiving day to play a game of football with the local fire company.

Adam Lemke of St. Mary lost an eye when a nail he was driving with a hammer flew out and struck him on that organ.

Frank Harndon, who shot George White during a quarrel at Fremont, has been sentenced to seventy days in the county jail.

A remonstrance has been filed with the Lancaster county clerk against the granting of a saloon license in the village of Kramer.

Members of the German Lutheran church in York, Seward and Hamilton counties are planning to erect a \$50,000 hospital in York.

A local branch of the Nebraska Manufacturers' association has been organized at Grand Island with a membership of twenty-two.

Sheldon Jackson of Filley had his right leg broken in two places just above the ankle when a horse he was riding slipped and fell on him.

Anton Stolling, a nineteen-year-old Endicott boy, fell from a tree while hunting squirrels and received injuries which may result fatally.

Farm Demonstrator O. H. Liebers will leave Beatrice soon for Wisconsin to purchase a number of Holstein cattle for Gage county dairymen.

Owen Daily of Lincoln was victorious over Max Brenton of Iowa in two out of three falls at a wrestling match at Lincoln Thursday night.

A big Woodman rally and class adoption will be held in Alma on November 20 and the local camp has invited every lodge in the county to take part.

"Fainting Bertha," just released from Ingleside hospital, is in trouble again—this time at Omaha, where she was jailed for being intoxicated on the street.

The Seward W. C. T. U. held a sunset social at which all townspeople over seventy years old were invited to be guests. A big dinner was served to an immense company.

All of the old officers and thirty of the 175 members of the Hastings lodge of the Degree of Honor have withdrawn, as the culmination of trouble within the organization.

Governor Morehead will be the guest of the Omaha manufacturers at their first dinner this winter, the night of Tuesday, November 18, and will speak upon convict labor and good road making.

Hundreds of barrels of apples in southeastern Nebraska have been frozen on the trees during the cold weather of the last week, with a resultant loss of thousands of dollars to the orchard owners.

Dr. C. R. Stewart of Curtis, while returning from a professional call, in some manner lost control of his auto, which turned over, pinning the doctor beneath the machine, where he was found dead a short time afterward.

The new game law, which leaves an open season of only two weeks this year, limits the bags to ten birds a day and a limit of ten in the bag when the hunter returns to his home.

Dr. O. L. Beeson of Beatrice was elected president; Dr. C. W. Graft of Tecumseh, vice president; Dr. B. L. Spellman of Beatrice, secretary and treasurer, and Dr. W. E. Ragan, member of executive council of the state society at the meeting of the South-eastern Nebraska Dental association held at Fairbury. Beatrice was selected as the best place for the next meeting in October, 1914.

Rev. D. J. Eppler of West Liberty, Iowa, is to be the new pastor of the Christian church at Fairfield.

Hallowe'en was celebrated with 300 miles of bonfires between Omaha and North Platte, Neb. It was the occasion of the dedication of the Lincoln highway, the transcontinental road between New York and San Francisco.

One of the peculiar features attending the drawing for land at North Platte was that of the Misses Elizabeth C. and Jennie Todd, two sisters residing at Broken Bow, and who drew numbers 250 and 251, respectively.

In a fall from a porch Mrs. Robert Gibb, near Tecumseh, suffered a compound fracture of her left lower limb. An attempt was made to fire the livery barn of Greenfield & Stannard at Hastings by throwing lighted kerosene-soaked cloths into the hay loft, but serious damage was averted by its prompt discovery.

That aluminum can be separated profitably from the clay which exists in abundance in and near Hastings is the belief of J. M. Reynolds, member of the Salt Lake City mining exchange, who has examined many clay deposits near that place.